

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A conditioning device for plastic preforms comprising a modular substantially hollow turret, having at least one face provided with a plurality of cavities for conditioning the preforms, wherein the cavities are being adapted to hold ~~for holding in their inside said the~~ preforms, wherein the turret is being fixed to a supporting structure with motor means adapted to make the turret carry out spatial movements, ~~characterised by the fact that said~~ wherein the turret further comprises ~~has~~ a structure comprising a first bar in the shape of a parallelepiped, a second bar parallel to the first bar, one or more substantially rectangular plates wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the one or more substantially rectangular plates are exchangeable, have a thickness smaller than that of said first and second bars, are supported at one end by the first bar, at a second end by the second bar and are secured to the ~~comprised in~~ said at least one face, wherein the first bar has portions defining a plurality of plate mounting holes configured to receive and secure the one or more rectangular plates in a plurality of geometric configurations wherein less than a plurality of the holes are used for any specific geometric configuration of the plates.

2. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the preforms define a neck and the conditioning cavities are provided with means suitable for holding the preforms with the neck facing a downward position.

3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 2, wherein the said spatial movements comprise a first movement of rotation around a substantially horizontal axis (X) and a second translation movement between a first position at the height of the means for extracting the preforms from the mould and a lower second position near a device for extracting the preforms from the cavities.

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 3, wherein the axis of rotation (X) is horizontal and is essentially orthogonal to a direction (G) for conveying the preforms away from a mould.

5. (Currently amended) The device of claim 4, wherein the extracting device is placed under the said lower second position of the turret, and is provided with gripping means suitable for extracting the preforms from the cavities of the turret.

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 5 wherein the said plates are
more than one and each plate supports several cavities.

7. (Currently amended) The device of claim 6, wherein the first bar houses
ducts suitable for conveying the working fluids and configured to
accommodate one or more rectangular plates in a plurality of geometric
configurations.

8-12. Cancelled without prejudice.

13. (New) The device of claim 7 wherein the ducts comprise a plurality of
ducts wherein less than all the ducts are used for any geometric
configuration of rectangular plates.

14. (New) The device of claim 1 further comprising stoppers configured to
occlude some of the plurality of plate mounting holes not used when the
one or more substantially rectangular plates are configured in a specific
geometric configuration.

15. (New) The device of claim 1 further comprising an auxiliary plate for
occluding unused plate mounting holes when the one or more
substantially rectangular plates are configured in a specific geometric
pattern.